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PEOPLE OF THE FIRE



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Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe

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The Russians were here

Members of a Russian film crew recently visited several Oklahoma tribes as part of national tour to film a documentary on American ethnic cultures. The three men from Baltic TV in St. Petersburg are producing a one-hour documentary and 10 shorter pieces. Although they were scheduled to visit the Potawatomi bank and tribal complex, schedule problems forced a cancellation of those stops. However, museum curator Esther Lowden, museum employee Constance Stevens and HowNiKan editor Gloria Trotter were among a group invited to a traditional dinner and dance demonstration at the home of Joe Rice April 15, portions of which appeared on statewide television that night. Lowden presented the visitors with Pendleton blankets as gifts of the tribe, and in return received a bag and shoes woven from Russian grasses. The Russian visitors wore their new blankets as they tried the circle dance in the photo above.

Short ballot on tap for voters in this year's tribal election

It will be a short ballot for Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal members this year — everything will be on one piece of paper.

Since Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis drew no opposition in their bids for re-election, their names will appear alone for those slots. The only other thing on this year's ballot will be the proposed budget for spending the interest money from set-aside funds for the coming year.

The proposed \$330,000 budget includes \$210,000 for grounds improvement and building remodeling on tribally-owned trust properties, including enterprises, recreational facilities, landscaping or other needs. Another \$40,000 is requested for maintenance supplies and

equipment, and \$80,000 is budgeted for land acquisition.

The land acquisition funds would go into the fund maintained by the tribe to acquire desirable properties as they become available. During the past year, the tribe was able to buy the Maranatha Baptist Church property just south of the tribal complex at a favorable price, since funds were available at the time it came on the market.

On-site voting, for enrolled tribal members with their cards, will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, at the tribal complex in Shawnee. The annual General Council meeting will follow at 3 p.m.

Absentee ballot requests have been coming in for several weeks and will be available for about

another month. Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the Election Commission by June 6. Requests must be in writing (see form at right) and

include all pertinent information, including the legal signature of the tribal member making the request. They must be in the Tecumseh post office by 10 a.m.

Saturday, June 6, to be counted.

All enrolled tribal members 18 year of age and older are eligible to vote.

CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI TRIBE • REQUEST FOR BALLOT • 1994 ELECTION

In order to comply with the 1994 Election Ordinance, please fill out this form and return to:
Potawatomi Election Committee, P.O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873

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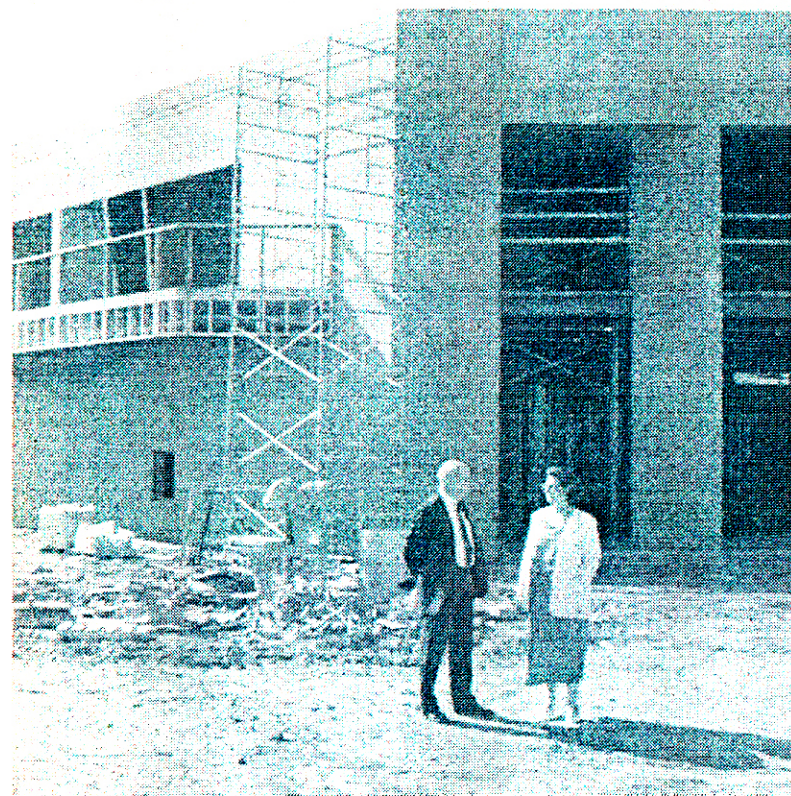
CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

Under penalty of perjury, I hereby declare this to be my legal signature and Potawatomi Tribal Roll Number:

SIGNATURE: _____ TRIBAL ROLL NUMBER: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION BY JUNE 5, 1994.

TRIBAL TRACTS



Building a bank ...

Beautiful spring weather has helped keep the construction of the new First Oklahoma Bank building on schedule. In the photo above, tribal vice chairman Linda Capps and bank president Murlin Derebery admire the completed brickwork on the exterior of the building.

Tribal member is finalist in state Pre-Teen pageant

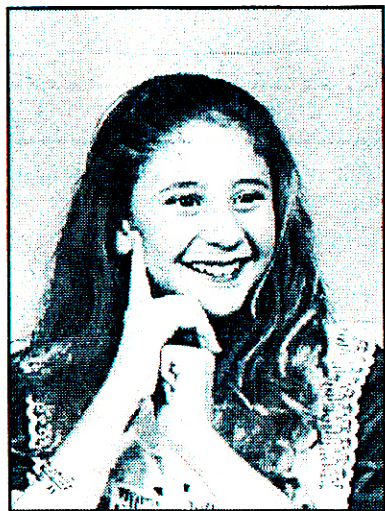
Tribal member Ronni Blake Hitt, daughter of Ron and Brenda Hitt and granddaughter of Levi and Beatrice Duncan and Betty and the late C.B. Hitt, all of Shawnee, has been selected as a finalist in the 1994 Pre-Teen Oklahoma Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held July 29-31 at the Marriott in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Pre-Teen Oklahoma is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies 7-12 years of age ranking in the top 10 percent of the state academically. Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, leadership abilities or creative talents. Last year she participated in this event and placed in the top 20 of the statewide finalists.

State finalists will be judged on academic achievement, volunteer service to church and community, school honors and activities, development of personal skills and abilities, comprehensive creativity, communicative ability and on-stage review and acknowledgment of accomplishments.

Pre-Teen Oklahoma will award over \$5,000 in educational bonds, prizes and awards.

Ronni is very grateful to her sponsor, the Citizen Band Potawatomi



Tribe of Oklahoma, who has enabled her to attend this very prestigious state event. She is proud of her Native American heritage and is a tribal member of Citizen Band Potawatomi and the Pomo tribe.

Donations to the HowNiKan

Jessie Wheeler, OK - \$5
Bonnie Taylor, OK - \$10
Ray and Nina Kaul, KS - \$50
Wayne B. & Velma Smith, NM - \$10
Vernice Slaven, CA - \$15
Howard Family, VT - \$25

Chief Solomon Kent walks on at age 96

Solomon N. Kent, 96, Shawnee, died Monday, April 18, 1994.

Services were held Thursday, April 21, at the Iowa Veterans Hall in Perkins, Okla., with burial at the Iowa Tribal Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Roesch Funeral Chapel.

Kent was born March 10, 1898, in a tepee at Headquarters Creek, Lincoln County, Indian Territory, and was raised in Lincoln County. He married Rosa Dailey, who died in 1939, and later married Edith Walker, who died in 1981.

He was a pastor to the Sac and Fox and Onlyway Baptist Church, near Stroud, and pastor to the Iowa Tribe and later a Southern Baptist Missionary in the eastern United States. He had resided in Shawnee since the late 1970s. He was the last hereditary chief of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and its chairman for 44 years. Kent was a popular figure at the annual Potawatomi Pow Wow for many years and often photographed while dancing in his traditional regalia.

Surviving are three daughters, Loretta Roberts, Shawnee; Rebecca Kent, Shawnee; and Vera White, Shawnee; seven grandchildren, including John Mutteloke, Shawnee; 19 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Tribal member takes first place

Dana Lewis, 17 years old, from Spring, TX. won 1st place in Indian Wear in the 1994 Jr. Miss Texas Rodeo Pageant.

Dana is the great-granddaughter of Loretta Bourassa Lee and the great-niece of Ozetta Peltier.

The judge asked her if she was a real Indian. She said, yes she was proud to be a Potawatomi Indian from Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Mineral owners to meet May 18

Meeting of Indian Mineral Owners with Bureau of Indian Affairs and Minerals Management Service:

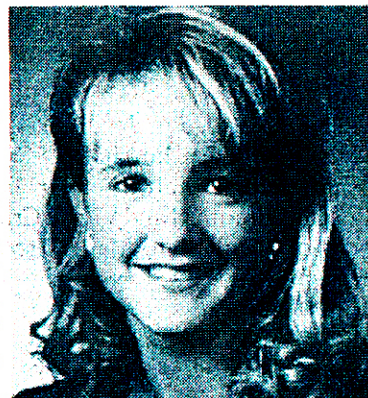
In compliance with the Kauley et. al. vs. U.S. Litigation Settlement Agreement, the next bimonthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, beginning at 1 p.m., in the conference room of the Anadarko Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Members of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Minerals Management Service will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, please call the Officer of Indian Royalty Assistance at (800) 354-7015.

Amanda Trousdale first Savage to qualify for Academic All-State

Tribal member Amanda Trousdale, a senior at Tecumseh High School, was recently named the first Savage athlete in the history of the school to win Academic All-State honors.

Trousdale, the daughter of Cherie and Bob Trousdale, ranks third in her class of 136. To qualify for Academic All-State, athletes must score at least 25 on ACT test and be in the top ten percent of their class. After those requirements are met, honorees are chosen on the basis of other activities as well.

Among Trousdale's many honors and activities are: two-year captain of the basketball team, which won the state championship last year; member of the softball team; All-Conference and All-County in basketball;



vice president of the Student Council, Homecoming Queen, member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and member of the Oklahoma and National Honor Societies.

Trousdale, the first Tecumseh athlete to win this designation, will be honored June 3 at the All-State Games in Enid.

Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse...

In the United States an average of three children a day are killed by abuse. In 1991, thirty-eight (38) children were killed in the State of Oklahoma by abuse, including counties within the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal service area. In 1992, Pottawatomie County had 557 reports of child abuse and neglect and 189 reports were confirmed.

A positive step taken by reporting suspected child abuse or neglect could save a child's life. Suspected child abuse should be reported to Child Welfare in the local DHS county office. Persons reporting suspected child abuse or neglect in good faith are immune from civil and criminal liability. Reports may also be made to the 24 hour toll-free Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-522-3511.

A physically abused child may have numerous injuries on one or more places on the body. Often this will be the head, face, neck and back. Injuries may resemble the object used to strike the child such as a cord or belt.

Child neglect occurs when a child is deprived of minimal physical and emotional needs for safety and health. Poverty, poor clothing, minimal diets, or a house in need of repair do not constitute neglect. Neglect occurs when the life or safety of the child is threatened.

Emotional abuse occurs when a child is repeatedly exposed to threats of violence or intimidation by a parent. Repeated statements which degrade the child will result in a substantial impairment in the child's ability to function.

Child abuse stops normal growth and development. The emotional and physical abuse children suffer may be extensive. Child abuse victims often grow up and repeat the abuse they suffered on their own children. Recognizing and reporting child abuse is a first step toward breaking the cycle.

Help is available for parents who feel they are at risk of hurting their child. Tribal, state and community agencies provide a variety of services to prevent and reduce the incident of child abuse and neglect. Services may include counseling, job training, parent education classes, or psychological services. You may learn about services in this area by contacting the Tribal ICW or Social Services Departments.

TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 25, 1994. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Requests to vote an absentee ballot must be made by June 5, 1994. Requests for absentee ballots must be in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Vice Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, will also be on the ballot.

Requests for tribal election ballots should be mailed to: Potawatomi Election Committee, P. O. Box 310, Tecumseh, OK 74873.

Walking on ...

Walter (Wally) Eugene Nelson, Jr., the son of Walter Eugene Nelson, Sr. and Ellen (Lewis) Nelson, was born August 7, 1950 in Manhattan, Kansas. He passed away Monday, March 28, 1994, in the St. Mary Hospital, Manhattan, at the age of 43 years, 7 months, and 21 days.

Wally was a lifelong resident of Manhattan and was a member of the Seven Dolors Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sisters, Rosanna Bradford and Vivian Crowder, both of Manhattan, Mavis Tsotaddle, Shawnee, Okla., and Geraldine Pyninski, Grand Island, NY; three brothers, Anthony E. Levier and Robert McKinney, both of Shawnee, OK, and Daniel McKinney, Mayetta, KS.; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Great Lakes council welcomes Potawatomi as newest members

(From Minnestrista Council Newsletter, April, 1994) — We are very pleased to announce that the Citizen Band Pottawatomie, with tribal headquarters in Shawnee, Oklahoma, have joined the Minnetrista Council for Great Lakes Studies as a sponsoring tribe. The announcement was made in January 1994 by Tribal Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett, Jr.

The members of both the Citizen Band and Prairie Band Potawatomi were removed by force from Indiana in 1838. The terrible trip became known as the Trail of Death because of the more than 60 people who died of exposure and neglect during the several week walk to the Missouri River. The Potawatomi were settled on a reservation in Kansas and remained there until dividing into two divisions in the late 1860's. The Prairie Band Potawatomi remained in Kansas while the Citizen Band Potawatomi moved south to Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Chairman Barrett has appointed Ms. Susan (Eric) Campbell to be their official representative to MCGLNAS. We were pleased to receive Susan at our Peoria Winter Gathering. She is descended from the Vieux family and has traced her roots from the early villages near Green Bay, Wisconsin to Potawatomi territory in Kansas and Oklahoma. Ms. Campbell is the Regional Representative of the Citizen Band Potawatomi in all of the northwest United States as well.

Susan and Chairman Barrett have issued a special invitation for MCGLNAS members to attend their annual pow wow and celebration which always occurs on the fourth weekend of June, the 24, 25, and 26.

MCGLNAS is greatly honored by the confidence of the Citizen Band Potawatomi and all its supporting tribes. In addition to the Citizen Band, the Pokagon Band of Michigan and Wisconsin and the Prairie Band of Kansas are also MCGLNAS supporting tribes. We say thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Honors? Celebrations?

Send your news in to The KowNikan by the 10th of the month for publication.



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IN YOUR OPINION

Readers agree with criticism of tribal newspaper

Dear HowNiKan:

I for one certainly do agree with Colleen Dekoning's letter in the February issue of the HowNiKan. (Page 4, In Your Opinion). I am pleased to hear that not every out-of-state Potawatomi believes or approves of everything written in the HowNiKan.

It would be helpful to all of us to remember the out-of-state votes are what keeps our elected officials in office as they do not carry the majority vote in state.

The regional meetings are a great expense to the tribe. The same people with the same opinions are always the ones who make the trips. Consequently, the same opinions are the only ones expressed at these meetings. Why not send other representatives of the tribe and let them freely express their opinion once in a while? The out-of-state people need to know all about their tribe and the actions that are being taken. For example, the new bank we are building, the bingo hall, the bingo bus trips, the new pickup we gave away, the income from rentals, and the health care system are all areas that warrant further discussion. Questions such as why are we the only tribe that doesn't get our medicine at the clinic need to be addressed.

Colleen Dekoning's third statement, "There aren't many articles passing down any old

wisdom or beliefs." Perhaps one reason for this oversight is because our chairman doesn't appear to have much respect for our older tribal members. They are never asked or given a chance to voice their opinions; therefore, they hesitate to share their beautiful stories and traditions with us.

Thanks to Colleen Dekoning for opening this discussion of tribal affairs and to the staff for printing our points of view.

Oleta Skinner
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Paper thanked for family help

Dear Editor,

Because of an article in the HowNiKan and one in the "People of the Place of the Fire" by Priscilla Sherard, I have been corresponding with two people who turn out to be my second cousins. Both had a grandmother (Stella Juneau) who was a sister to my grandmother (Josette Juneau). Incidentally, these two people are first cousins and never know of the other until I put them in touch with each other. So thanks to the How Ni Kan and the Sherard book, all three of us have found some new relatives.

Thank you,

Agnes Josette Wood Barron
Bloomfield, N.J.

Member requests profit, loss info

Dear Editor,

I am much in agreement with the lady from California. In reading the financial section of

the paper, once a year, the paper never states profit or loss of any of the projects. Would it be too much trouble to itemize each business separately as to profit and loss?

How much does it cost to keep regional offices open

around the U.S.? When they started, they were suppose to be run by volunteer labor. I doubt if this is true now. What is the cost of the monthly trips?

Respectively,

D. Dike
Shawnee, Okla.

Tribal member opens new kind of restaurant in Santa Fe

Bourzho, Nicon

May I tell you a story?

Here's the real truth about an Italian sailor, lost at sea, rescued and fed by a native people who introduced the world to an epicurean abundance unequalled by any other civilization.

The pressing need that set wind to Columbus' sails was not a burning desire to discover new lands. A quick look at the history books reveals that he was searching for a new route to the Spice Islands. Why? The food of his day was boring to say the least. In the fifteenth century, Europe's diet consisted mainly of salt-preserved meat, onions, carrots, turnips, wheat and a few leafy greens.

Impossible you say? What of Italian tomato sauce, Irish potatoes and French chocolate mousse? Hard as it may be to fathom, prior to Europe's discovery of the Americas no one had ever heard of (let alone tasted!) potatoes, tomatoes, or chocolate!

The list of foods contributed

to world cuisine by America's native people is impressive. Red and green peppers. Chiles. Jerusalem artichokes and sunflower seeds. Every type of bean and squash imaginable. Pumpkins. Peanuts and pecans. Maple sugar, pineapples and papayas. Raspberries, blueberries and cranberries. Avocados. Wild rice. Corn. Vanilla. Turkey.

Native people in the Americas carefully bred and nurtured most of the world's favorite foods. But for them food was more than simple nourishment. There was a reverence for the gifts of Mother Earth. A reverence that is reawakening.

Somehow the Native American know that beans, corn and squash should be eaten together. Science has only recently learned that the three foods combine to form a perfect protein. Tomatoes, potatoes and peppers are loaded with vitamin C. Papayas aid digestion. Cranberries help purify the blood. High-protein, low-fat turkey is the quintessential diet food. Buffalo is not only

lower in fat and cholesterol than most meats but also contains a naturally occurring steroid, associated with fast muscle action, that probably contributed to the swiftness, agility and endurance of the plains Indians.

Much to most folks' amazement, healthful eating can be a mouth-watering experience! And that's exactly what we intend to prove. Armed with a unique concept and a cornucopia of delicious Native American foods, Little Big Pie, Inc. and the Corn Dance Cafe are dedicated to promoting healthy well-being and an ecological respect for Mother Earth.

Megwetch,

Loretta Barrett Oden
Proprietress

A Proud Member of the
Potawatomi Indian Tribe

(Editor's Note: Loretta is a sister to Tribal Chairman Rocky Barrett and her café is located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This article was sent to the HowNiKan by tribal member Oleta Skinner.)



POTAWATOMI PORTRAIT

This portrait of Josette Wilmette and Lucius Ripley Darling, husband and wife, was submitted to the HowNiKan by both Glenn LaZelle of Idaho and Norma Hodge of Washington. Tribal archives director Mary Farrell notes that tribal records show the spelling somewhat differently and list Josette Wilmot as Elizabeth Wilmot. The two are LaZelle's great-great-grandparents. Their sons were Frank and Otis Darling. LaZelle would love to have more information on them. Anyone who knows more details should write him at 4509 Hawai Road, Lewiston, Idaho 83501.

21st Annual
CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI
POW-WOW
JUNE 24, 25 & 26, 1994

POTAWATOMI TRIBAL GROUNDS - SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA
FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY

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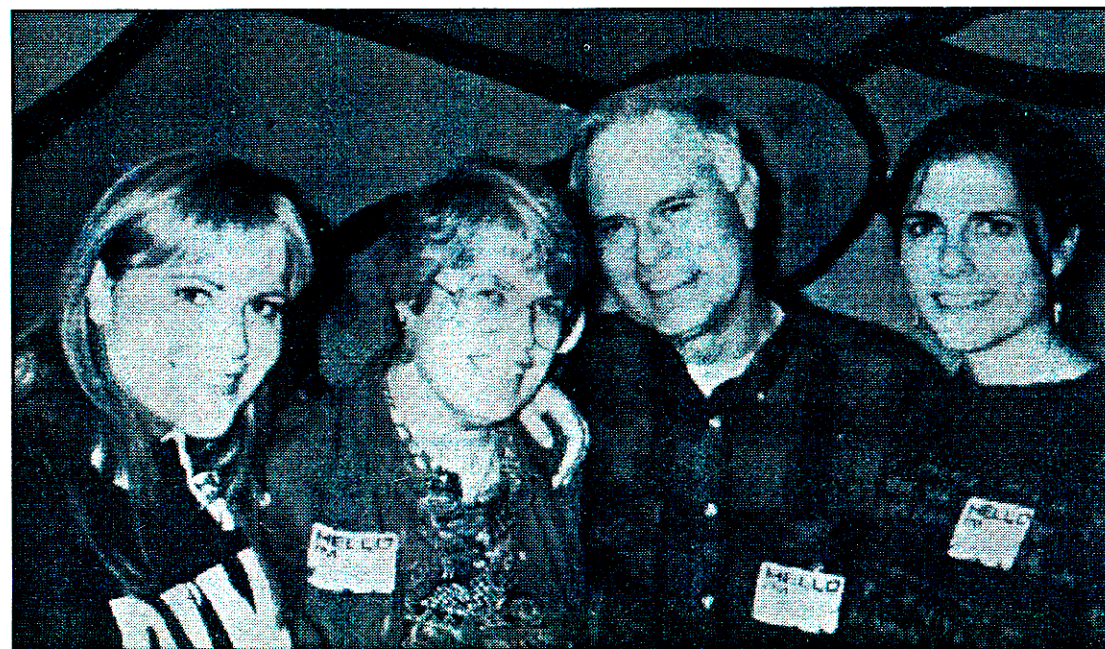
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WASHINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 19



The wisest: Hazel E. Neff with granddaughters, Melissa Ann Chapman (left) and Elizabeth Marie Chapman (right). Hazel is from Buckley, Washington. She made the dream catcher that is in the background. At 81 years of age, she remains active, articulate, and attractive.



Ken Anderson family with wife, Peggy and daughters, Laura and Debbie. They are from Kirkland, Washington.



Committeeman Hilton Melot with Patty and Patrick McSherry and daughters Erin and Katie.



Pictured above: Helping to register guests were Rhian (left) and Jeremy Campbell. They are the daughter and son of Susan Campbell.



Pictured left: Drummer and storyteller Mack Silverhorn is from Seattle, Washington.

John Barrett speaks to the audience about the pride in the Citizen Band Potawatomi heritage.



**Photos by
Linda Capps**

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Pictured Left:
Youngest enrolled member:
nine-month-old
Cheyenne Nicole Lucas
shown with mom, Paige Lucas.
They are from
Everette, Washington

Not Pictured:
Marci Hauer of San Diego
traveled the longest distance.



Hilton Melot with Marcus Thompson
of Chimacum, Washington



Regional Coordinator Susan Campbell poses with friend Rosalie Palmer of
Port Orchard, Washington.



Oregon Regional Coordinator Rocky Baptiste and wife with
tribal vice chairman Linda Capps.



Esther Lowden and Jan Nestler of Bellevue, Washington. Jan is the daughter of
Philonese Williams, Phoenix, Arizona.



Members enjoy the dinner and entertainment.

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SEATTLE

Bourzho From Washington State!

Thank you to all of you who made our regional meeting a success again this year! I received 120 RSVPs and that's pretty much the number who showed up, so I felt we did great. If I didn't get around to personally greeting you, I apologize for my oversight; the intentions were good but the distractions were many.

I would especially like to thank the members of the Business Committee who took time out of their hectic lives to fly out and be with us: "Rocky" Barrett, Linda Capps, Bob Davis, Hilton Melot and Esther Lowden (every time I headed over to the store I got sidetracked; I'll see you in Shawnee!). Unfortunately, Bob came down with the flu and had to leave our meeting early. Instead of that good barbecue he spent the day sipping 7-Up. Glad you're feeling better.

Speaking of the food, I had the nicest letter from R & B Catering who set up those barbecue pits out back and fed us so well. I'd like to share just a bit with you: "Please share our appreciation with all those who attended. We appreciated all the courtesies and compliments extended to us and their hospitality was wonderful. You have the most courteous group we have had the pleasure of serving." Give yourself a pat on the back!

I also want to take time to thank Rocky and Maxine Baptiste, our Representative from Oregon, and Philonise Williams, our new Representative from Arizona, for joining us on the 19th (it was good to meet the Baptistes' daughter Regena as well). And thanks to Alan Hernandez who did such an outstanding job getting us into the school and set up, then cleaned up again. To Jan Nestler who handled our dessert table so well. To Philonise Kulani for the super-sized beautiful dreamcatcher she made for our meeting, and for the flyer announcing it. When you pick up the telephone receiver one of the nicest things you can hear is, "I hear you're planning a meeting. What can I do to help?" I couldn't do my job without that kind of response.

Last fall, if you remember, Eric and I were part of a caravan retracing the trail of the 1838 Potawatomi Removal from Indiana to Kansas. Following our journey, the legislatures of four states (Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Indiana) were bombarded by historical societies and some who had made the trip to declare the 1838 Removal Trail, commonly called "The Trail of Death," a Regional Historic Trail. I'm so pleased to report that two states, Kansas and Indiana, have done so as of March 29, 1994. Hopefully Missouri and Illinois will follow suit but it's rewarding to know that all the work done on the Trail, by those caravanning and the Boy Scout troops who paid for and erected the markers, is being recognized ...

The July 9 picnic in Port Orchard and the August 6 picnic in Boise are still moving forward; watch for flyers in June.

The Rainwater Sobriety PowWow will take place May 21 in Tacoma, WA (Bingo Plaza Hall, 1214-6th Ave.). Doors open at 11:00 a.m., Grand Entry at 1:00 p.m.; dinner break will occur between 5 and 6:30 with re-entry at 7 p.m. Proceeds go to the Crack Baby Program at Plaza Hall Recovery Center.

The Northwest Indian College located in Bellingham, WA has opened up a new Business Assistance Center where they offer classes on management, business law and accounting (among other offerings) and technical assistance to tribal small business owners. There is some financial aid available for the classes. Call the Lummi Campus at (206) 676-2772.

If you're interested in purchasing a new home and are finding economically unfeasible, contact the Housing Finance Commission (in Seattle at 206-464-7139, outside at 1-800-767-HOME) and ask about the House Key program, open to all ethnic minorities. They may be able to provide you with a low-interest loan that just might make your dream of owning a home possible.

Nicole Collins was kind enough to share the recipe for the Mocha Cheesecake she brought to our regional meeting — I noticed it was very popular — but since this article has run long, I will include it in the June mailing. If you'd like it before then, give me a call! I can tell you from personal tasting it was delicious.

Don't forget to vote in the upcoming election. Let your vote tell others how well you think the tribe is doing and that you support our elected officials.

Susan Campbell

P.S. I now have a Fax Number: (206)-723-8055)

PASADENA

Bourzho from Pasadena!

On the tenth of April, I had the pleasure of spending the day as guest host of the Satwiwa Native American Indian Cultural Center in Newbury Park. Every Sunday a different Native person is available to receive the general public. Guest hosts are free to plan their program, which might include exhibiting their selfmade wares, demonstrating crafts, sharing tribal information, or storytelling, dance exhibits, drumming, singing, etc.

The hosts vary widely in their tribal affiliations and cultural orientations. In this way, they counter the stereotype that all Native Americans are alike and that all have traditional upbringing and skills. It is hoped that through this program, the visitors gain an enhanced awareness and understanding of contemporary Native American cultures.

I chose to chronicle the overall history of our tribe, with an emphasis on the incredible progress we have made over the past twenty years or so. For example, I put out a copy of our HowNiKan from 1978 (a newsletter, really) and laid it next to our present newspaper — wow... I pointed to the building of the bank, the continued success of the other tribal enterprises, and the success of our recent court case as most recent examples, and noted that all of these matters are overseen and administered by hard-nosed professionals who see to it that we get a buck's worth for a dollar.

Of course, a continuing source of pride is the excellent support staff in Shawnee who regularly distinguish themselves as consummate professionals in their given fields. It all adds up to a lot of pride for us as a people, and I can tell you that many Native American visitors from other tribes took note of how a successful tribe is run in 1994.

The setting is magnificent. The center is located on the edge of over 40,000 acres of public park land and there are miles of hiking, biking, and equestrian trails. It's traditional Chumash land, (satwewa means "the bluffs" in Chumash) and there are a lot of very special sights to see and places to go within the park boundaries, such as verdant meadows, tule ponds, and of course, sheer stone bluffs. At this writing, the wildflowers on the hillsides and in the meadows are in particular abundance, but then, every season has its appeal in the Santa Monica Mountains.

I had a great time and spent the day talking with Potawatomi volunteer Nadiya Jeffries. Thanks, Nadiya.

As I mentioned in a recent column, I want the Southern California Potawatomi to get together in July to have a pot-luck picnic so we can share videotapes and photos from June's pow wow in Shawnee. I have suggested the Gene Autry Western Heritage Museum in Griffith Park as a site, and have a date of Saturday, July 16, scheduled with the GAWHM, but I would be open to alternate sites such as Satwiwa. Any opinions?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

In addition to the other exhibits at the San Diego Museum of Man, they're having their 11th ANNUAL INDIAN FAIR on June 11 and 12, from 10 am to 4:30 pm both days. More than 70 fine artisans representing over 25 different tribes will be in attendance, including Preston Duwyenie, Connie Tsosie Guassoin, Watson Honanie, and Stratyuwe Gladys Paquin. The Paipai people from Baja and the Yavapai from the Colorado River area will be participating — two groups whose language and creation stories are linked to the Kumeyaay people of San Diego County. There will be special lectures, story telling, a kid's craft corner, fry bread, piki bread, parched corn, (and yes, burritos and tamales, too). As any San Diegan knows, their excellent weather is personally guaranteed by the governor, so that won't be a viable excuse for missing this one. Prices are: \$4 adults, \$3 for museum members, \$2 for ages 13-18, \$1 for 6-12, and under 6 are admitted free. Proceeds benefit the museum's exhibits and education programs. Info: (619) 239-2001

The Museum still has available for your viewing the "Fact, Fun, Fantasy: Navajo Pictorial Weavings From The Steve and Cleves Weber Collection." Bring your tribal ID card for free admissions.

POW WOW SCHEDULE:

EAGLE POINT (Lake Casitas) May 13-15 \$5 admission. Info: (805) 646-8126
ALL NATIONS (Antelope Valley College AVC Field) May 13-15 with a 49 on Saturday night. Free admission. Info: (805) 944-6055

SWEET GRASS GATHERING (Cal State San Bernardino) May 14. Free admission. Info: (619) 249-4112
FOUR MOONS (California Steel Industries, 9400 Cherry Ave., Fontana) June 3-5. \$5 camping fee. Info: (909) 624-1072

And a Few Reminders:

The SAN FERNANDO VALLEY SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIAN CENTER OFFICE has moved because of earthquake damage. The new address is 6309 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 104, Van Nuys, CA 91401.

If you would like to be a foster parent to an American Indian Child, please call Indian Child and Family Services. Southern California Indian Center, (213) 387-5772.

Cavaleri & Associates, a recognized and licensed talent agency, is still seeking Native American Performers for theatrical and commercial representation. Send photo and resume (if available) to Cavaleri & Associates, ATTN: Dan Harjo, 6605 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 220, Hollywood, CA 90028.

NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN WORSHIP SERVICES are held every 2nd and 4th Sunday in our region. You're asked to bring a dish to share at the potluck that follows the service, and childcare is provided. For exact locations, call Reverend Buddy Monahan (Choctaw/Maricopa) at (310) 670-5076 (office) or (310) 643-5793 (home).

AMERICAN INDIAN HOUSING SERVICES' new telephone number is: (213) 310-7227.

For AMERICAN INDIAN CABLE TV information, call Don Thornton at (310) 920-7227.

The Fontana Native American Indian Center offers a NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE PROGRAM every Tuesday evening 6 - 9 pm and every Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. Instructors are Harold WithHorn (Hunkpapa Lakota), and Roy Wade (Choctaw). NORTHERN PLAINS SONG AND DANCE every Sunday at 2 pm, potluck. SWEAT LODGE Wednesday or Friday 7 pm. The instructor is Orville Little Owl (Mandan, Hunkpapa Lakota), with Robert Jacobo, Taite Honidick, and others assisting. NATIVE AMERICAN CHRISTIAN SPIRITUAL GATHERING every third Sunday, 5 pm, potluck. The instructor is Kenneth Hood, Sr. (Shawnee). THE JUNIOR RANGERS, (all youth welcome) meets every other Saturday 9 am - 12 noon. For more info, call (909) 823-6150 or 350-6709.

The Golden State Gourd Dance Society announces that they have been invited as special guests to the following future powwows: Stanford Pow wow, (May 6, 7) and Eagle Point Pow wow at Lake Casitas (May 13-15). Info: call the GSGDS office at (213) 482-7615.

Tutoring services are available in both Orange and Los Angeles Counties - FREE OF CHARGE! Contact tutor coordinator Renee Dusseau, (213) 728-8844.

The Southern California Indian Center has an AMERICAN INDIAN SENIOR CENTER in Garden Grove. Available to those 55 and older, it's a warm and friendly gathering place to make friends, share culture, enjoy a hot meal, and receive supportive services. Call (714) 530-0221 Monday-Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm for info.

Martial arts instruction is available to Native American people 18 years or older AT NO CHARGE! The classes are held at Cal State LA and run from 6-8 pm every Thursday night.

The Southern California Indian Center, Inc. is sponsoring a POW WOW DANCE WORKSHOP available to American Indian students (up through 12th grade). Included are traditional and fancy dance styles representing both Northern and Southern tribes. Also included is instruction on regalia design and construction. The classes will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Southwest Museum in Los Angeles (site of our 1994 Regional Council Meeting). Call (213) 728-8844 for more information.

Are any of you bowling in the AMERICAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION? If not, and you want to, call Betty Tsonetokkey at (818) 968-7691 for info.

Call your Southern California Regional Office for specifics on any of the above.

And remember, when attending any Native American event, wear your Potawatomi ball cap, tee-shirt, jacket, or button, all available through our tribal store. And get out there into that circle and DANCE! Let's let everyone know how proud we are to be Potawatomi.

Megwetch

Jeremy Bertrand Finch

DALLAS

According to a comparison of Indian and non-Indian values that an Indian friend gave to me, time is unimportant. Clocks are not watched. People come as late as they wish, so the meeting actually may begin an hour or two later.

Well, I guess no one told that to the people who go to the events at Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth. I went to hear storyteller Teresa Pijoan tell Native American stories about the buffalo/bison and was about ten minutes late. The performance had started and had also sold out. So my husband and I went upstairs to view the exhibit, The Time of the Buffalo. This exhibit of more than one hundred paintings, watercolors, sculptures, and photographs is drawn exclusively from the museum's collection of art of the American West and is very impressive. It continues through May 8. So the moral of this story is be on time if it sounds exciting.

The Dallas Museum of Art is also having an exhibit, The American West: Legendary Artists of the Frontier, which continues through June 12 and should be of interest to all of us. Both exhibits include works by artists George Catlin, Frederick Remington and Charles Russell.

Do you have someone who is graduating or otherwise being honored? Let me know and we'll get their name in print. These accomplishments and milestones are deserving of recognition. By the time you read this article, you will have been to the Regional Meeting and I'm sure you had a great time. Right?

Marjorie Hobdy

REGIONAL REPORTS

PORTLAND

Bourzho my brothers,

March was a good month for me. I got to attend the Washington Regional Meeting in Seattle. It was good to see our Rep there, Susan Campbell and her husband Eric. Our new Rep from Arizona, Philonise Williams, was there also and it was good to meet her and get to know her two beautiful daughters. It is so good to see our young people taking an interest in their heritage and customs.

Of course it is always a privilege to see and visit with our committee members. My wife was at Esther's table to do a little shopping and get her fringe for some new shawls, while I had a chance to visit with old friends from Washington State. Susan had a good meeting and some fine informational entertainment. We had a very good time, and a good meal.

Also on the 26th of this month, I attended the Rickreal Pow Wow, put on by the Salem Intertribal Dance Club. They had several honor dances. One that made me feel special was a dance for the elders that were present. Some with canes, one in a wheel chair, some that had to sit down before the dance was over, but most of us lasted all through and felt very honored.

Sometimes the different dances and songs are a mystery to you, but more often you go and watch, the more you will understand. We have lost so many of our traditions, that it is important to pass as many as we can down to our children and grandchildren.

Generosity is a highly esteemed virtue among all Indian tribes. Many tribes have carried this virtue to a high degree and take every opportunity to express it. The give-away is a form of generosity and thanks. Some variations of the give-away seen today in gatherings include:

NAMING: One or more people receive their Indian name. Gifts are exchanged from the relatives of those named, and non-relatives, (especially the poor, orphans, widows, mourners, visitors, elders, etc.) in honor of those being named.

MEMORIAL: Memorial give-aways held at pow-wows are usually in the honor of a deceased singer, dancer, or warrior. This type of give-away has an especially religious connotation in that it is a final prayerful act to help the soul of the deceased in its spiritual progress on the "other side."

VETERANS: There are many veterans' honor songs and whenever one is sung for an individual (dead or alive) gifts are given to the singers in honor of the veteran.

FIRST DANCE: Often, when a youth under 18 starts dancing, the family will have a public give-away to the other dancers in order to "make room" for a new dancer. At this time, an honoring song is sung for the new dancers.

THE WHISTLEMAN: When exercising his duties, prolonging a song or riding herd on the singers, this individual will give-away in honor of the dignity of his office.

SINGER & DANCERS: Often these individuals are recipients of gifts for outstanding performances.

A VETERAN: When given the honor of retrieving a fallen eagle feather, this individual will often give-away for his honor. Also, the party who dropped the feather must give-away in order to reclaim his feather.

Traditionally, some give-aways occur when a Royalty Queen or Princess has completed her year representing her Tribe. They may have a give-away as an expression of thanks for the honor of serving as a member of Royalty. Some couples have give-aways after they have been married for one year ... also as an expression of thanks to those family and friends who helped them prepare for their new lives together.

I hope we can all learn from each other and remember to talk to the elders and write down what they can remember. I am still learning all the time, and trying to pass it on to our younger generation.

Megwetch, (thanks)

Rocky Baptiste

MERCED

Bourzho from Merced

As noted in the last letter, some of the returned invitations that we got had the following names: Ida Pauline Riggan, Justin James Hart, Gary Dean Marshall, Robert Wayne Cargill, Joseph Charles Bruno III, Tommy Joe Thomas, Marlene Denise Gregson, Pam Margaret Weaver, Robert Delaine Good, Jill Marie Simecka, Tiffany Christine Yeager, Donald Leroy Neddeau, and Paul Thomas Jager. These are just a few; more will be listed in the next letter. If you know of a current address, please let us know in order that the records may be updated.

I have received many calls regarding the meeting in April, and thank you for your positive reports. We hope next year the sun will shine all day, and the food and fellowship will be even better. I've had several calls from tribal members who will bring more artifacts and historical information from their family keepsakes. Several have indicated a desire to be more involved in tribal functions throughout the year. I would say a good start would be to attend the Pow Wow in Shawnee at the end of June.

There is an opportunity to set up several "sweats" for just our Potawatomi members, with the location to be in the Mariposa area, south of Yosemite. No dates have been set as yet. This is a limited opportunity, so if you are interested in participating in an event such as this, call me as soon as possible. It could be set for Saturdays or Sundays. I have scheduled attendance at several pow wows around the state during April and May and then a week in Shawnee in June. Anyone interested or who might have information on other pow wows in their area, please give me a call.

Anyone that has cultural information of our Tribe that they wish to share, please give me a call. I've had several interesting items shared and sent this past month that can be shared at our tribal meeting next year. PLEASE, don't let our past go forgotten. Many of us hunger for this history, as evidenced by the many calls I've gotten since Dick Johnson brought some of his information to the meeting in April. Remember, the Red Road Pow Wow, May 28, 29 and 30 on Highway 152 at Casa De Fruta and Fresno State Pow Wow April 16 and 17 in Fresno.

Megwetch,

Gary Bibb

PHOENIX

Bourzho,

I'm still getting used to the charm of Arizona. The quiet, the birds soaring in an azure sky under white fluffy clouds. When I arose the other morning and looked out of my window around 5:30 a.m., the moon was so close I felt I could almost touch it. It's a sight I haven't seen since I was a little girl.

I have been hearing from some of my family here and I hope they and a lot of others keep calling. I'm not here to make policy or move mountains, but anyway I can help, I will certainly try.

A couple of my callers have helped me with information about the Phoenix area and I do thank you.

I had a lovely trip to Seattle. Besides having a nice visit with some daughters, I attended the regional meeting there. It's always a delight to visit with Susan and her meeting was great fun. We had a great barbecue dinner.

She had invited a Comanche-Kiowa group, Red Stone Drummer, under the leadership of Max Silverhorn. Besides leading us in the Circle dance, Gourd dance and Oklahoma Two-Step, they entertained us with numerous songs and prayers. They were an outstanding group. Greyeagle, a Native American story-teller, was invited back to captivate us with his wonderful stories. I have only heard one story repeated and it is very important to us all; it is the story about the seven fires. I have a copy and I will have copies for all of you at our next meeting which will probably be our picnic. If anyone out there is interested in helping with the picnic, I'm open to any suggestion as to time and program.

Not much more to say — I am busy with my dress and ribbon work for Pow Wow. Maybe I'll see some you there.

And remember, I'm here to help if you need me.

Megwetch,

Philonise A. Williams

KANSAS CITY

Bourzho from Kansas City,

Our Midwest regional council meeting is just around the corner. Those of you who are in my area should have received your invitations by now. If you haven't, either I don't have your change of address if you moved or it's our not so speedy delivery of our wonderful postal service. Please call me as soon as possible and let me know how many will be attending; this is very important. You only need to call me if you do plan to attend.

The date is Saturday, May 14, at the Shawnee Mission Park in Shawnee, Kansas. This is located just off of 87th Street and Renner Road. The hours will be from 10:00 am until about 5:00 pm. In the afternoon we will have inter-tribal dancing and our host drum will be Grey Eagle, a northern drum. And as always Esther will be there with the ever popular tribal store. The weather for last year's meeting was absolutely perfect. I am hoping it will be as beautiful this year as last. Remember to bring your old photographs and family histories to share, and please bring your lawn chairs also.

I want to remind everyone to please vote in the upcoming election. If you are not able to vote in person on June 25 at the tribal complex in Shawnee, send in the request for ballot to vote by absentee ballot. This must be done in writing and include the correct mailing address, roll number and legal signature of the person making the request.

I would like to say welcome to our new Southwestern regional representative, Philonise Williams. I have not had the opportunity to meet her yet, but I certainly hope to do so at the Shawnee pow wow this year in June. My best wishes and regards to our former regional rep Gail Halterman in your future endeavors!

I have had several people call the office and ask about Indian Health Services in our area. Anyone who is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and has a tribal enrollment card is eligible to go the the Indian Health Service clinic in Lawrence, Kansas. There is also a dental clinic available to you. I have the phone number here at the office. Call me for more information.

I got the opportunity to attend the Denver, Colorado March pow wow this year with a friend of mine. It was a huge pow wow. I danced in the grand entry along with around 1,000 other dancers. We will be going to Albuquerque, New Mexico in April to the Gathering of Nations pow wow. This will be my first time to go to this one. While in Denver, I met another Potawatomi woman. She was Prairie Band. We were able to pick each other out from all the other dancers from the style of our tribal dress.

I am also pleased and proud to say that my picture was published in the 1994 Oklahoma Native American talent directory. This directory is made possible through a grant from the State Arts Council of Oklahoma. It has pictures and a listing of Native American talent including actresses, actors, young adults and children, technicians and cultural consultants. Its purpose is to showcase and help promote the Native American talent in our area. I think it is a wonderful project and am very proud to have been included in it. For any of my fellow actors and actresses that are interested in finding out more about the directory, please call me and I'll give you more information on it.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, May 14, at the Midwest regional council meeting. We will be catered by K.C. Masterpiece this year!

Megwetch,

Maryann Frank

DENVER

Springtime in the Rockies. As I look out the window at the snow coming down as it has been off and on for the last three days, I wonder if that magical Spring will ever arrive. The flowers that were budding and starting to bloom are now covered with snow, the temperature is below freezing, and truthfully I am getting a little tired of it. Of course in July or August we will probably be wishing for a little of this cool weather, but I do wish Spring would arrive for real.

I hope that a lot of you were able to attend the Denver March Pow Wow. Those that I have talked to who managed to get there enjoyed it as much as I did. This year I counted 48 drum groups. The arena was completely covered with the dancers, and the atmosphere was charged with the excitement as they did their marvelous competitions.

I don't know if it is my imagination or not but it seemed to me that the Tiny Tot portion of the competition was better than ever. It looks like each year the dancers get younger and cuter. They are so much fun to watch and I am always so encouraged that so many of their parents are starting them off so young and making their darling little dance outfits and teaching them the traditional dances. It is really heartwarming to know that so many of the traditions will not die and will be carried on by our youth.

While I was at the Pow Wow I had the good fortune to have a short conversation with United States Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell. Once again I invited him to attend our Regional Council Meeting in September. He didn't promise, but did say that he would truly make an effort to attend, if his schedule would permit. I think that you would enjoy talking to him, and can only hope that he can make it.

By now, I hope that you have made your reservations and plans to attend our Shawnee Pow Wow. If you haven't attended before, I know that you will be pleased not only with the Pow Wow itself, but also with the Council meeting and visiting with our Business Committee. I look forward to seeing you there.

Now I have a special request to make of those of you who live in this area. This includes Utah, Wyoming, Western Nebraska and Kansas, and all of Colorado. If you have moved into this area in the past year, please let me know. I am receiving calls from people whose names are not in my files, but are indeed Tribal members. Until I get the updated mailing list to send out the invitations for our Regional Council meeting once a year, I have no way of knowing that you are here, so please either call or drop me a line so that I can keep my files current and keep in touch with you.

Norma Whitley

HOUSTON

Bourzho from Houston,

I recently read that friendship allows us to share our joys, and divide our sorrows. I don't know who wrote that, but I consider it an arresting thought.

We missed those of you who did not come to Council this spring. It was a cloudy muggy day, and rained on us a little, a typical Houston Saturday in late March. We enjoyed traditional drums and dance, did some feasting on good barbecue, heard some excellent speakers, and as a group, added some color, some light, and some "good vibes" by our presence in that place. Megwetch to those of you who came out. We are all enriched by our contact with one another.

My heart goes out to you who are ill, or caring for loved ones who are ill, and especially to those of you who are grieving for losses. Hearing from you makes us realize that there is never too much of tribe, friendship and family, never too many among whom we can divide our sorrows, and maybe carry them easier when carry them we must.

Remember the Intertribal Fifth Annual Pow Wow at Trader's Village, Saturday, May 28 and Sunday, May 29. The drum will touch your hearts. Come to the American Indian Chamber of Commerce meeting. Call me for the date and time.

Remember to get your absentee ballots in on time, and vote. It is your right, your privilege, to participate in these very important tribal elections. I have and will send the request for ballot forms, call me ASAP if you need one.

Start making plans now to come to the Annual Citizen Band Potawatomi Pow Wow in Shawnee. I will look for you there. Be well. Be as happy as you can. Live life to the fullest, not in yesterday, not in tomorrow, but today.

Megwetch,

Lu Ellis

Woodland Nations Gathering will be 'homecoming' event

The fourth annual Woodland Nations Gathering will convene at Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Indiana, on Sunday evening, June 19, and continue until Sunday evening, June 26. The Woodland Nations Gathering is the largest "homecoming" of Woodland tribes in America and will feature two activities: the Woodland Workshops and the Woodland Nations Pow Wow.

The Woodland Workshops will begin with a Welcome Feast on Sunday evening, June 19, and will continue through Friday afternoon, June 24. "As in the past, we have some really excellent tradition bearers coming to share their knowledge and skills," said Cheryl Tyner, Workshops and Pow Wow coordinator. "Yvonne Morrissau, has spent years and years with Woodland elders in Ontario, Canada learning the art of quillwork. She has won major awards and has traveled all over the country sharing this most difficult but beautiful work."

Also new to the workshops in 1994 are tradition bearers Lauren Little Wolf and her husband Martin, both Winnebago of Wisconsin. Lauren makes traditional Winnebago black ash baskets and Martin crafts beautiful traditional hickory bows and arrows.

Elaine Rice, Winnebago of Nebraska, will be teaching the art of fingerweaving. Elaine learned fingerweaving from her elders at Winnebago and is widely known for her stunning creations.

Mike Staibus, Loyal Band Shawnee and Delaware of Eastern Oklahoma, is a commercial graphic artist and owns Slow Bird Studios in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mike will be teaching Woodland Graphic Art and Design during the week. This year's T-shirt was designed by Mike and will honor the Woodland clan tradition.

Other tradition bearers will be returning for their second year at the Woodland Workshops. Some will be sharing different skills this year. Annette Ketchum, Delaware of Eastern Oklahoma, will be teaching Woodland Cooking, while Delaware Don Secondine will be showing how to

make flutes. Joanne Littleaxe has been asked to teach Potawatomi Bias Beadwork a second year. Many didn't really know what bias beadwork was last year and now want to learn. Henry "Tiq" Bush, Pokagon and Huron Potawatomi, will be sharing Anishnabe Beliefs and Customs.

Paula Pechonick, Delaware of Eastern Oklahoma will be sharing her knowledge of Woodland Ribbonwork. Paula has made several sets of men's and women's Indian clothing and knows the traditional ways as well as the modern shortcuts.

The Woodland Nations Pow Wow will begin on Friday evening, June 24, with a Welcome Feast for participants. Woodland Indian Football will be played on Minnetrista's Greensward on Saturday morning, June 25, at 9:30 a.m. This tradition was begun last year by Delawares Dee Ketchum and Mike Pace. Grand Entry will be at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 25. Frank Bush, Pokagon Potawatomi, will be the Head Veteran Dancer. Mr. Clarence Syrette, Ojibway, and Mrs. Junette Goodrich, Miami, will be head man and woman dancers. Master of Ceremonies will be Mr. Henry "Tiq" Bush. The Host Nation Drum will be the Miami Twigh Twee Drum. Host Northern Drum will be the Five Clan Singers from the Menominee of Wisconsin and the Hitaosuwichik Singers, Delaware of Eastern Oklahoma. The Grand Entry on Sunday, June 26 will be at 1 p.m.

The Woodland Nations Pow Wow is a traditional pow wow. There are no contests. The pow wow is held to provide an opportunity for Woodland people from all over the country to return to one of the Woodland homelands to sing, dance, feast, hold ceremony and make lots of lots of new friends. In 1994, 14 Woodland Nations were represented with about 5,000 people participating.

For more information about both the Woodland Workshops and Woodland Nations Pow Wow write Cheryl Tyner, Minnetrista Cultural Center, P.O. Box 1527, Muncie, Indiana 47308 or call (317) 282-4848.

FULTON COUNTY EVENT SCHEDULE

Several special events are coming up in the Rochester, Indiana, area that may be of interest to tribal members.

June 17, 18 and 19 — 24th annual **Round Barn Festival** in Rochester, expanded and reorganized by Chamber of Commerce. At courthouse: artists display of paintings. In Rochester City Park: arts and crafts, foods, guided tours of round barns and restored one-room school, dances, free entertainment, contests for kiddies, athletic events. Parade on Main Street. No admission charge, open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Contact Round Barn Festival Inc., P.O. Box 512, Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-6942 or Chamber of Commerce 219-223-6773.

At Fulton County Museum: 4th annual **Round Barn Celebration & Market**, 4 miles north of Rochester, open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Living History Village: Restored 1924 round barn with old time farm tools, 1876 depot, log cabin. Crafts and antiques for sale in tents, food served in museum, traditional crafts and farm demonstrations in round barn. Renaissance Fair (Sat. & Sun. only) by Society of Creative Anachronism: archery, combat by knights. No admission charge. Contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-4436, museum open year around Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sept. 17, 18 and 19 — annual **Trail of Courage Living History Festival**, Rochester, Indiana, on Fulton County Historical Society grounds on north side of Tippecanoe River 4 miles north of Rochester on U.S. 31. Fulton County Museum & Round Barn Museum at north end of grounds. Historic encampments: French & Indian War, Voyageurs, Revolutionary War, Western Fur Trade, Plains Indian tepees, Woodland Indian wigwams. Muzzleloading shooting and tomahawk throwing contests. Historic canoe landing and fur trade skit, canoe rides.

Chippeway Village portrays frontier Northern Indiana of 1830's: 36 barn-board booths for pioneer and Indian crafts, general store, post office, frontier blab school, storyteller, 18th century puppet show.

Foods cooked over wood fires: buffalo burgers, ham & beans, chicken & noodles, barbecue, apple dumplings, chowder, Indian fry bread, more.

Traditional crafts: wood carving, barrel making, candle dipping, pewter casting, blacksmithing, broom making, spinning & weaving, etc.

Programs on two stages - Chippeway Village & Hillside Amphitheater - funded in part by Indiana Arts Commission: period music and dance, frontier fashion show, historic skits, Indian lore. Woodland Indian Village by Potawatomi & Miami Indians shows traditional Indian crafts, weaving, basket making, grinding corn, beadwork, in memory of 1838 Trail of Death. Free shuttle from museums and free parking lot to festival. Handicapped facilities. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: \$5 adults, \$1 children 6-12, free 5 and under. Contact Fulton County Historical Society, 37 E 375 N, Rochester, IN 46975, phone 219-223-4436, museum open year around Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Fourth Annual

WOODLAND TRADITIONAL



POW WOW

June 25 - 26, 1994
Minnetrista Cultural Center
Muncie, Indiana

Northern Host Drum - Five Clan Singers, Menominee of Wisconsin
Southern Host Drum - Hitaosuwichik Singers, Delaware of Oklahoma

Host Nation Drum

Twigh Twee Singers, Miami of Indiana, Peru, Indiana

Participating Drums

White Thunder Singers - Pokagon Potawatomi, South Bend, Indiana
Yellow River Singers - Potawatomi, South Bend, Indiana

Head Staff

Veteran Dancer - Frank Bush, Pokagon Potawatomi
Head Male Dancer - Clarence Syrette, Ojibway of Canada
Head Female Dancer - Junette Goodrich, Miami of Indiana
Master-of-Ceremonies - Henry "Tiq" Bush, Potawatomi

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Saturday, June 25, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

Great Lakes Native American Arts and Crafts

Great Food

Admission \$3.00

All are welcome.



WOODLAND WORKSHOPS

June 19 - 24, 1994
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Potawatomi Bias Beadwork - Joanne Littleaxe, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Quillwork on Leather - Yvonne Morrissau, Ontario, Canada

Winnebago Black Ash Baskets - Lauren Little Wolf, Winnebago of Wisconsin

Woodland Bow and Arrows - Martin Little Wolf, Winnebago of Wisconsin

Woodland Cooking - Annette Ketchum, Delaware

Woodland Fingerweaving - Ellen Rice, Winnebago

Woodland Flutes - Don Secondine, Delaware

Woodland Graphic Design - Mike Staibus, Loyal Band Shawnee, Eastern Delaware

Woodland Ribbonwork - Paula Pechonick, Eastern Delaware

Two classes per student - \$50.00 per class
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Enjoy a week immersed in Woodland Tradition.

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POTAWATOMI SCRAPBOOK

Potawatomi Trail of Death given historic status

Regional Historic Trail designated by Indiana Legislature on final day

By Shirley Willard

Fulton County (Ind.) Historical Society

Five minutes before adjourning its 1994 session at Friday midnight on March 4, the House of Representatives passed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 41, making the Trail of Death a Regional Historic Trail.

The resolution was introduced in the State Senate by Sen. Tom Weatherwax, R-Logansport, and passed Feb. 17. It was introduced in the House by Rep. Gary Cook, D-Plymouth.

This brought smiles and rejoicing to us at the Fulton County Historical Society and its adjunct, the Indian Awareness Center. As president of the society and secretary of the center, I had worked hard for the designation.

Also pleased was Tom Hamilton, Leesburg, a Potawatomi Indian who is a descendant of the Trail of Death. He is designing a map-brochure to show the Trail of Death Regional Historic Trail.

Another happy person was John Harris, head of Indiana Historical Society's Local History Services. After the Indiana Historical Society Board of Directors decided to lend their support to the project, Harris and Willard visited all six county historical societies on the Trail of Death and asked for their support.

The county historical societies all pledged their support by signing resolutions and sending them to their state legislators. Pulaski and Kosciusko county historical societies also signed resolutions to support it.

We have requested identical resolutions to be introduced in the state legislatures of Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

Joan Stutzman of the Illinois Historical Society is spearheading the project there. She is a former operator of Rochester's Kentucky Fried Chicken restaurant.

Missouri State Legislature passed a resolution in 1993 urging support of the Regional Historic Trail, as it had only one Trail of Death marker. After the Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan made their trek last fall and dedicated two more markers, Missouri is now being asked to go ahead and declare it a Regional Historic Trail.

Legislation is now pending before the Kansas State Legislature. Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1623 was introduced by Democratic Whip, Doug Walker. It was sponsored by 34 senators and passed without opposition in the senate. It is now in the Kansas House of Representatives awaiting action.

Indiana has nine Trail of Death historical markers, at least one in each of the six counties it passed through.

Placing Trail of Death historical markers is being done by interested persons at no expense to taxpayers. Anyone interested is urged to contact me at 219-223-2352.

The cost of a 12 by 24-inch plaque is about \$300 from your local tombstone dealer, so this makes a good project for a Boy Scout to earn his Eagle award.

"Truly this important resolution recalls the tragedy inflicted upon the Potawatomi Indians, as well as recognizes the hard work of a number of historical societies through the state," Weatherwax said. "By designating the trail through historical markers, all who travel the route, as well as those studying the unfortunate event, will be able to get a feel for what the tribe went through."

The Trail of Death was 620 miles through four states, a grueling trek that cost the lives of over 40 Indians. The Potawatomi walked 61 days, dragging women, children and the elderly along with them, and burying the dead in unmarked graves beside the trail.

The trip was documented in a diary of the Enrolling Agent and in letters written by a Jesuit priest, both of whom accompanied the Indians on the march.

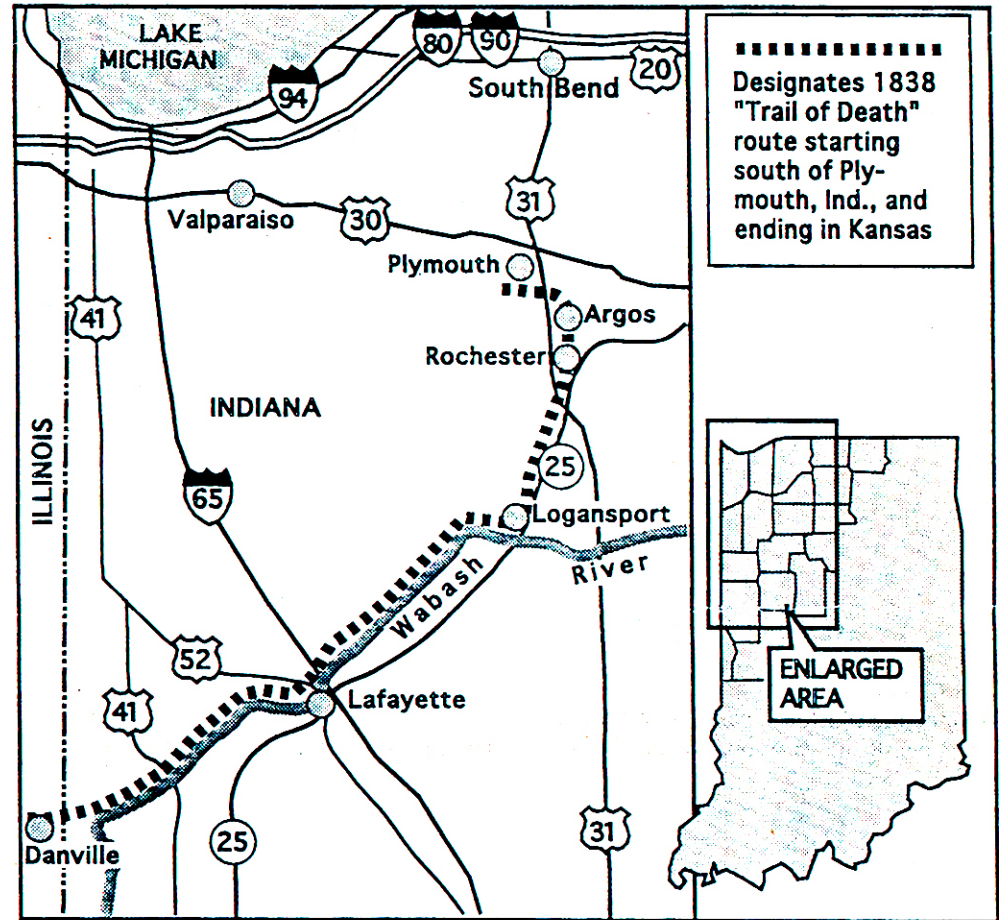
In 1988 and 1993 a Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan was formed to travel the original route and dedicate markers. Several Potawatomi who had ancestors on the Trail of Death were in the group. Reading from the diary and the letters of Father Petit and praying at each campsite made it a spiritual journey for the Indians, a time of healing.

To Hamilton it means a reconciliation of history, which embodies "The good, the bad and the gray."

"The story has to be told, otherwise it's going to be lost forever. Nobody's mad about it, or wants reparations ... We just want to make this part of history, a part of the history that's taught in schools," Hamilton said.

End of the trail

This photo of the late William O. Wamego of Tusla was taken at the end of the Trail of Death Commemorative Caravan last September by Andy Taylor of the Miami County (Kansas) Republic. Wamego, whose adventures on that march were told in previous issues of the HowNiKan, died just three months later.



This map was prepared for the Fulton County (Ind.) Historical Society by Tom Hamilton, a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe.

RESOLUTION

A SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THAT THE ROUTE TRAVELED BY THE POTAWATOMI INDIANS THROUGH THE STATE OF INDIANA IN 1838 BE DESIGNATED AS A REGIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL.

WHEREAS, a number of Indiana organizations, including several historical societies and troops of Boy Scouts, have assisted in erecting historical markers to commemorate a tragic event that occurred in this state, and

WHEREAS, The Potawatomi Indians were forcibly removed from their homes in northern Indiana in 1838 and marched to a new location in Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the route they took, known historically as the Trail of Death, passed through six counties in the State of Indiana, namely Marshall, Fulton, Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, and Warren; and involved Indians residing in the counties of Marshall, Fulton, Kosciusko, Pulaski, and St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, the route has been documented in the diary kept by Jesse C. Douglass, Enrolling Agent, and in the letters of Father Benjamin Marie Petit a Jesuit priest, both of whom accompanied the Potawatomi Indians on the march; and

WHEREAS, several historical markers concerning the trail have been dedicated, including markers in Marshall, Fulton, Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe and Warren counties; and

WHEREAS, the Indian Awareness Center, a branch of the Fulton County Historical Society, Rochester, Indiana, has asked that the route taken from Indiana to Kansas by the Potawatomi Indians in the fall of 1838 be declared a Regional Historic Trail in memory of the hardships endured by the group during the march; and

WHEREAS, this activity requires no federal, state, or local funds, and is of historical significance to all citizens of Indiana; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING;

SECTION 1: That the General Assembly, on behalf of the people of the State of Indiana, recognized the hardships endured by the Potawatomi Indians, and the historical importance of their forced removal from Indiana to Kansas.

SECTION 2: That the General Assembly, on behalf of the people of the State of Indiana, designates the route traveled through the State of Indiana by the Potawatomi Indians in 1838 as a Regional Historic Trail.

SECTION 3: That the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the historical societies of St. Joseph, Marshall, Kosciusko, Fulton, Pulaski, Cass, Carroll, Tippecanoe, and Warren counties and the Indian Historical Society.

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PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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Mystery photo ...

Tribal member Ted B. Melott of Bruswick, Georgia, sent this portrait to the HowNiKan seeking the identity of the young couple. "The clothing says late 1800s," he said in his note. "They were associated with the Melott family somehow." If you think you know who they are, contact Mary Farrell at Tribal Rolls and she'll pass the information along to Melott.

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from its readers, especially letters to the editor and news of achievements of tribal members. Please mail your submission to Mary Farrell at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 10th of the month.

How about getting rid of the 'band'?

Bourzho Nicon (Hello, my friends)

My congratulations to Vice Chairman Linda Capps and Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis on their re-election. The fact that they did not draw opponents in the election is, hopefully, an indication that the Potawatomi are happy with the job they are doing. The only issue to be voted on in the election is the approval of the annual budget. This budget is a modest one, very similar to last year's request, and is needed for the continued successful operations of the Tribe. I urge you to vote for this ballot item.

For many years there have been requests and suggestions from many tribal members to change the name of the tribe to more accurately reflect the geographical makeup and current status of our nation. Years ago, when we officially adopted the name "Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma" many things were different. We had just created our government under the Indian Reorganization Act and the Thomas Rogers Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. We did not have an active government. Our only activity was the fight to win our land claims settlement with the Indian Claims Commission.

At that time we were in the fight in opposition to the Prairie Band Potawatomi over the distribution of funds from the sale of the lands in Kansas we once shared. We needed to call ourselves "Citizen Band Potawatomi" because that was how the law suit was filed. The Bureau of Indian Affairs gave us this name because we were not a "Tribe", we were a "Band" — split off from, and only a part of, a tribe. The name "Band" usually meant a dissident portion of a tribe.



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

We feel that the time has come to change the name to reflect our actual status as one of the largest tribes in the United States. We are not a "Band." According to the United States Congress, we are a federally recognized tribe of Native Americans. In addition, the bulk of our membership is not in Oklahoma. We have major populations in ten different areas around the country. The historical reference to our decision to become United States citizens in 1867, as opposed to the majority of tribes who became citizens in 1926, is one portion of our name we should keep proudly. We suggest the name of our tribe should be changed to "THE CITIZEN POTAWATOMI TRIBE."

The change would have to be

part of a constitutional change in an election held by the Secretary of the Interior. We will have a referendum vote on the issue in the next election. We urge you to vote in this election. We also would like to hear from you on this proposition. If you are as tired as I am of having people ask if our name has anything to do with "citizen band radio" that the truckers use on the highway, please let us know.

Make your reservation for the camping and RV spaces at the PowWow early. Please come this year — it will be a great time for the whole family.

Megwetch,

John Barrett

John Barrett

Indian village visits open to students

American Indian Villages, an outdoor living history facility near Choctaw, Oklahoma, is offering a special pre-opening view of American Indian dwellings to area schools through May 25.

The villages will be staffed by Native Americans dressed in period clothing, making arrowheads and bows and arrows, cooking, tanning hides and demonstrating other period activities.

American Indian Villages, located in the former John Miskelly State Park, opens to the public May 27. Hours will be daily, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. through August. From April through May, and September through November the villages will close at 5 p.m.

Admission will be \$9 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-11. For more information, call 405/390-1000 or write P.O. Box 1659, N. Harper Road, Choctaw, OK 73020.